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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE 15/1

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE: SOVIET BLOC*

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID-1, NSCID-3 and NSCID-15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, the following policies and allocations are hereby established:

1. Policies

1.1 In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.

b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence and schedules of research programs, including external research, between all agencies concerned is essential.

c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.

1.2 An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally carry out most of the research in that field.

*The term "Soviet Bloc" as used in this Directive covers the USSR, the Eastern European Satellites, and Communist China. Supplements to this directive may reduce this coverage or extend it to other areas under Soviet domination, if such modification is warranted.

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1.3 Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its agency functions.

1.4 Each intelligence agency will endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of its technical services and its other facilities having economic intelligence production capabilities with the work of the IAC intelligence agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such services and facilities.

2. Responsibility for Intelligence Production

2.1 Responsibility for research and for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc is allocated as follows:

a. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for research on economic policy, for estimates of the future course of economic development in the Soviet Bloc, and for intelligence production in fields in which economic and political analysis are interdependent.

b. The Department of Defense shall have primary responsibility for research and estimates in the economic aspects of logistics, military end-items, target systems and other fields in which military and economic intelligence are interdependent.

c. As a service of common concern the CIA shall perform all functions not assigned to other intelligence agencies and therefore shall have primary responsibility for research on the operations of all producing sectors of the Soviet Bloc economies except the production of military end-items. It

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ing the limits of Soviet bloc productive capabilities.

2.2 It is recognized that, despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which require continuing inter-agency liaison and such working-level conferences as may be appropriate.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination.

3.1 The Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in IAC D-22/1 (revised).

3.2 In accordance therewith, the Economic Intelligence Committee shall prepare a coordinated contribution to any comprehensive estimates on Soviet Bloc Capabilities scheduled in the approved program of National Intelligence Estimates.

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